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REAGAN SEEKS MORE AID FOR NIC REBELS

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WASHINGTON — President Reagan is considering new options to get more U.S. aid to rebels in Nicaragua.

White House officials say the President is determined to keep military pressure on the Sandinista government — especially since new intelligence reports indicate that Iran, Libya and the PLO may be helping train a terrorist army in Central America.

The move comes as the President faces continued congressional opposition to supplying covert aid to the CIA-backed rebels.

Included in Reagan's plan is a request for \$14 million in overt "humanitarian assistance" for the families of the so-called freedom fighters.

But Republicans and Democrats in Congress remain opposed to giving the rebels a proposed \$26 billion.

And officials admit that the prospect for renewing

aid, which has been held up for a year, now appears "remote."

Under the Economic Support Fund, the \$14 million aid package technically would go to the families of the freedom fighters, but could be used to pay for the military campaign.

The proposal has the backing of new Senate Intelligence Committee chairman Sen. David Durenberger (R-Minn.) and other committee Re-

publicans.

But an aide to one Democrat on the committee remarked: "This kind of idea doesn't sound very humanitarian to me. [It's] not something that is likely to get much support around here."

Officials also are considering tightening the economic noose around Nicaragua by asking U.S. allies to stop trading with the Sandinista government.

Meanwhile, White House and State Dept. of-

ficials yesterday expressed fresh alarm about developments in Nicaragua after the recent visit by Iran's Prime Minister, Mir Hussein Mussavi.

They believe that Mus-savi is the chief architect of Iran's campaign of terror against the U.S. and its allies and was involved heavily in the planning of the kamikaze bombings of the U.S. Embassy and Marine barracks in Beirut.

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